

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
December 14, 2006
Minutes

Attendees: William Simpson, Chair, Mary Feathers, Vice Chair, Gary Bent, Dudley Hamlin, Martha Kelly, Chris Kueffner, Shamim Patwa, Superintendent
Gordon Schimmel, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Min Lin, John Thacher

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Simpson, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes - MOTION by Dr. Patwa, seconded Ms Feathers to approve the minutes of the 11/14/06 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

III. Hearing for Visitors – None.

IV. Communications – Some Board Members received a letter from a Vinton parent requesting a change in half-day kindergarten guidelines on scheduled early-closing days. Mr. Simpson referred the letter to the administration for a response.
Dr. Patwa praised a bus driver's action involving a suspicious car near student drop off.

V. Addition to Present Agenda - An Executive Session regarding negotiations was added.

VI. Committee Reports - Mr. Hamlin reported that the Policy Committee recommends the approval of the Policy Updates (Item G on the agenda).
Mr. Simpson reported that the School Building Committee met on Wednesday, December 14th, and have selected 4 architectural firms to interview sometime in February.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

- A. K-4 Physical Education Curriculum -** The elementary Physical Education Teachers presented the revised curriculum. **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Ms Feathers to approve the K-4 Physical Education Curriculum. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- B. Financial Statement - MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to accept the Financial Statement for the quarter ending September 30, 2006. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- C. Salary Budget Transfers - MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Dr. Bent to approve the budget transfers requested by the Director of Finance. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- D. Purchasing Clean Energy - MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to purchase clean energy in concert with the Town of Mansfield. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- E. Establishment of Department of Information Technology - MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Dr. Bent to approve the funding for the Director of Information Technology to be supported by the MBOE, Town and the Region 19. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

- F. **Professional Development** - Dr. Schimmel discussed a new professional development format for the 2006-2007 school year.
- G. **Policy Updates - MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to adopt the Shipman and Goodwin LLP Model Policy Revisions. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- H. **Class Size/Enrollment** - The principals noted there were no major changes in enrollment this month.
- VIII. Hearing for Visitors - Lisa Drzewiecki, 14 Candide Lane, asked the Board to review its policy for half-day kindergarten students on scheduled early-closing day.
- IX. Suggestions for Future Agenda - None
- X. Executive Session - Negotiations
- XI. **MOTION** by Ms Feathers, seconded by Dr. Bent to go into executive session at 9:45 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
MOTION by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Dr. Bent to return to open session at 10:05 p.m.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor
- XII. Adjournment - **MOTION** by Dr. Bent, seconded by Mr. Kueffner to adjourn at 10:28 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk